Model Farmer Scheme

2684. SHRI DATTATRAYA BAHDARU: SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:

SHRI CHETAN P.S. CHAUHAN:

SHRI ANNA JOSHI: SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have finalised the Model Farmer Scheme as suggested by the Bhanu Pratap Singh Committee;
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the scheme is proposed to be launched; and
- (d) the decision taken on other recommendations of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d). The recommendations of the Committe are being examined in depth in consulation with other concerned Ministries/Departments of Government of India.

Espionage by Pakistani Nationis

2685. SHRI DATTARTRAYA
BANDARU:
SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA
KUMARI:
SHRI ANNA JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cases of espionage by Pakistani nationals which came to notice during the last six months;
 - (b) the numberr of persons arrested in

this connection; and

(c) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOFPARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS: (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The requisite information is being collected and will e laid on the Table of the House.

National Seeds Corrporation

2686. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Tata Consultancy Services appointed by the Government to go into the working of the National Seeds Corporation has submitted its final recommendations:
 - (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the follow-up action taken thereon; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to fill up the back log of reserved vacancies for SCs/STs in all the categories in this Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

- (b) The major recommendations of the study report relate to:
 - (i) Increased production and marketing;
 - (ii) revision in product mix.
 - (iii) adjusting staff levels to match the revised production and marketing activities;